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SUBJECT: US DELEGATION IN ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION

REF: MOSCOW 14896 DEPARTMENT 216324

1. GROUP STRONGLY PREFERS MAINTAIN OCTOBER 20 SATURDAY EVENING ARRIVAL, ALLOWING SUNDAY FOR REST AND SIGHTSEEING (FIRM PLANS ALREADY MADE).
 2. HOPE HAVE FINAL LIST OF DELEGATES AND DESIGNATION OF THOSE PAYING OWN WAY BY COB OCTOBER 3.
 3. DELEGATION INTERESTED IN CHANGES IN CURRICULUM AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE. AT NURSERY LEVEL, FOR EXAMPLE, WISHES EXPLORE SUCH AREAS AS VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT, NUMBER CONCEPTS, MUSCLE COORDINATION DEVELOPMENT, ATTITUDES TOWARD LEFT-HANDEDNESS. RE KINDERGARTEN, DELEGATION INTERESTED IN EXPERIENCES WITH READING AND OTHER AREAS WHICH MAY BE OF BENEFIT TO PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION IN US. ALSO INTERESTED IN MEETING TEACHER TRAINERS AND EXAMINING METHODOLOGY IQ TESTING, AND WHOLE QUESTION OF FINANCING SCHOOL BUDGETS. IN ADDITION TO VISITS MENTIONED PARA 2 DEPTTEL 216324 DELEGATION WISHES VISIT ACADEMY OF PEDAGOGICAL SCIENCES IN MOSCOW. ALSO INTERESTED IN CLASS
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ROOM OBSERVATION AT VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

4. DELEGATION HEAD ESSEX PROPOSES THAT GROUP AT
VARIOUS TIMES DURING STAY BREAK UP INTO SMALLER TASK FORCES
TO ALLOW MORE DETAILED EXPLORATION OF SPECIALIZED INTER-
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